

MRS. COTTON'S PLEA.

An Earnest One in Behalf of North Carolina's Exhibit at Atlanta.

THE "CUMULATIVE VOTING PLAN."

Ex-Judge Whitaker, Author of the County Government Bill—Lists of Magistrates Coming in Rapidly—The Public Printing.

RALEIGH, N. C., February 7.—(Special)—Last evening Mrs. R. R. Cotton went before the legislative committee on Agriculture and urged that the \$300 set apart in the bill providing for North Carolina's exhibit at the Atlanta Exposition be certainly appropriated. Her plea was an earnest one. The committee is very favorably inclined towards the bill, and will report it favorably, your correspondent is assured. It will, however, require hard work to get it through the Legislature, even though the money is to come from the balance of the direct-tax fund now in the treasury.

Captain Edward B. Engelhard, Superintendent of the Water-Works here and ex-Chief of the Fire Department, is very sick with pneumonia.

Mr. William Tidby, Charlotte's oldest citizen, is dead; aged 83. He was well known in this State.

THIS OWN IDEA.

The county-government bill presented by the Fusion cause committee was drawn by ex-Judge Spter Whitaker, and the "cumulative plan" of voting for county commissioners was his own particular idea. It is to be drawn by some that the Republicans will overhauls this, but this remains to be seen.

The South Atlantic Life-Insurance Company will have its headquarters here. The bill to charter it is now before the Legislature.

It is now quite well assured that the Legislature will adjourn March 10. Most members agree that that is the date.

Lists of magistrates are coming in to the Legislature quite rapidly from the Fusionist county chairmen. Of course, the names sent in are all of Fusionists.

AMAZED.

The officers of the Cotton States Exposition who were here yesterday expressed their unbound admiration at the magnitude and beauty of the state museum. They said that in the South there were 42, and that it is an exposition in itself. Judge Bryan's resolution, at New Bern, was burned last night, causing a loss of \$500.

The J. L. Lewis Company, of Concord, has assigned with \$200 liabilities.

In the lower house of the Legislature today bills were introduced to abolish Rocky Mount's graded schools; to protect White's women students; to prevent the spreading of disease among hogs and other animals; to amend the charter of the Charleston and Ohio railway.

PUBLIC PRINTING.

The House to-day passed the Senate bill to let the public printing to the lowest bidding bidder, who is to give \$5,000 justifica-

At 11:45 today the Legislature adjourned, in order to attend the laying of the cornerstone of the monument over the grave of L. L. Polk, in Oakwood Cemetery. The National Alliance, National Alliance of Ministers, legislators, etc., left the City Hall at noon in street-cars, and went direct to the cemetery. The weather was extremely bad.

STRIKING AT THE SALARIES.

Reducing Those of Railway Commissioners—Favorable Reports.

RALEIGH, N. C., February 7.—(Special)—The Senate session to-day was brief, and was devoted mainly to the discussion of a bill to reduce the salaries of the railway commissioners from \$1,000 to \$500. The Democrats and a few Republicans antagonized this bill, but it was passed by a vote of 32 to 5. No reason for the passage of such a bill was given, as it was the first strike at the session. Some of the Populists excused at the reduction, and reform was appointed.

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FAVORABLE.

The Senate committee this evening agreed to favorable report the bill appropriating \$100 for the Linley Training School for young females. The bill to lend the Confederate Monument Association from the direct-tax fund an amount not less than \$100,000 for the purpose of completing the payment for the monument was discussed before the Senate Judiciary Committee this evening, and many ladies were present. The committee agreed to make a favorable report.

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THE TENNESSEE GOVERNORSHIP.

NASHVILLE, TENN., February 7.—Clay Evans, who yesterday took the oath of office as Governor of Tennessee, does not appear to be a man of much ability, but he rises to his position. No legal steps have yet been taken to compel the delivery of the Executive office into his keeping.

Mr. Evans's probable course will be to perform some act required by the Governor, and then call on the authorities to enforce his authority. Some of his advisers have urged that he await the conclusion of the investigation to be made of alleged frauds by the legislative committee appointed by the legislature, and before making another move. This advice is founded on a belief that the investigation can be turned to Evans's advantage in spite of the partisan bias of the committee.

REV. MR. YANN'S GREAT FEAT.

WITH NO HANDS He "Calls" a Turkey and Brings Down a Big Gobbler.

SCOTLAND NECK, N. C., February 7.—Special—Rev. B. T. Vann performed a somewhat wonderful feat a day or two ago. It is remarkable that he can hunt and shoot so well, not having any hands and only one arm from a little above the wrist. Mr. J. P. Furell made Mr. Vann, a turkey-caller with a rough cigar-box and slate. Mr. Vann practised with the call until he could do it well, and on Mr. Furell's next day to hunt turkey. Then scattered the turkeys, made a blind apiece, some hundreds of yards apart. Mr. Vann occupied one blind, and Furell the other. Both called for the turkeys. Mr. Vann, having no hands, had to lay his gun down and take his "caller" between his knees and use his plate as best he could with his teeth and piece of an arm, and had deposited him in the blind, and was in time to hear the turkeys near him. He laid down his "caller" took up his gun some way, rose up and shot and brought down a 15-pound gobbler. Mr. Vann is a man of curiosity, to see what Mr. Vann had done, when to his great surprise, Mr. Vann had killed the turkey, gathered him up with his teeth and piece of an arm, and had deposited him in the blind, and was in time to ascertain the identity of either the vessel or the gobble.

Tobacco Warehouse Burned.

CINCINNATI, February 7.—(Special)—The Miami Branch of the Cincinnati Leaf Tobacco Warehouse was burned this morning at 10 o'clock. The building is situated at Race and Commerce streets, and has a capacity of about 2,200 hogsheads. At the time the fire first started between 1200 and 1500 hours of yesterday the blaze was unknown. While the fire is not given it will probably exceed \$100,000.

The fire at Proctor & Gamble shop-works was confined to the still-house. The damage will not exceed \$500.

LAST OF THE COOK GANG KILLED.

TULSA, I. T., February 7.—Jim French and "Verdigris Kid," two members of the Cook gang, were killed last night while attempting to rob the general store of W. C. Patton & Co., at Catoosa. French was shot out of the window, and was shot and seriously injured, although it is not known how badly. These outlaw laws were the last of the Cook desperadoes.

WELDON'S FEBRUARY BLIZZARD.

The Cheadham-Woodard Contest—Solicitor Daniel's First Court.

WELDON, N. C., February 7.—(Special)—They are 4 or 5 inches of snow here, and the fleecy element is still coming down. This is the most severe February blizzard experienced here in years. The temperature has not been over 26 to-day, and the most of the time it has been down to 20. The indications are a much longer tempest to come.

F. W. Woodard is represented by Day, Bell, Dunn & Travis in the Cheadham congressional contest, at Littleton. Cheadham is represented by W. W. Graham, and the Democratic Delegates have been taken before Commissioners Price and Alston. Woodard defeated Cheadham fairly in the election last fall for Congress from this district.

Solicitor W. H. Drayton is representing the Constitutionalists at Craven court this week. Mr. Daniel (Democrat) succeeds G. H. White (Republican), and this is his first court.

DETOILED IN COLD WEATHER.

Mrs. Maggie T. Moore, all of Prince George county, Va., came out to Weldon in the snow and blizzard, in search of matrimonial happiness. Rev. P. N. Starnes, a veteran in this case, tied the knot Saturday evening, a broken-drawbar caused the accident.

Charged with Murdering Her Husband.

DETROIT, MICH., February 7.—Mrs. Nellie W. Ford, widow of the Police Commissioner, and her husband, Dr. Horace E. Pope, pleaded not guilty, and her examination was set for February 1st. William Brusseau, her paramour, will be arraigned in a day or two.

Another important railroad exhibit has been added to the important list of the Cotton States and International Exposition. Messrs. C. L. Cavanaugh, general passenger agent of the Evansville and Terre Haute Railroad, and J. B. Cavanaugh, general passenger agent of the Evansville and Terre Haute Railroad, and on President Collier, to arrange for John Edwards, the manager of the Evansville and Terre Haute Railroad, to speak at the Cotton States and Cavanaugh arranged the speech for the Chicago railroad, and Atlanta a month ago, making an average of about fifty miles an hour. These railroads take a good interest in the exposition, and will advertise it in their own folders and other literature.

EVADING THE DISPENSARY LAW.

A Bar with a Most Ingenious Tenant.

COLUMBIA, S. C., February 7.—Slick gamblers, who have for years been making a study of methods needed to evade the United States revenue-laws are not in it with the South Carolina dispensary-law evaders.

The swellest place I ever had was in Fourteenth street, below Third avenue, in the city of Atlanta. The building was afterwards arranged to change into a bedroom. We could fold up everything and have a bed made from some other article of furniture. The victim would be compelled to pay, could not identify the room. They would change the number on the house so that when the man came he could not find the building, even though he had remebered the number. He would notice the

BUNCO WAS HIS GAME

KID MILLER," KING OF THE TRIBE, TURNS A NEW LEAF.

He Defines Scientifically the Difference Between a Green-Goods Man and a Bunco Artist—When General Grant Was in Chicago.

(N. Y. correspondence Chicago Times.)

There are very few men who know as much about the inside workings of the New York police force, with a general knowledge of what may generally be termed the sporting side of the city, as Edward Miller, better known on both sides of the Atlantic as "Kid" Miller, a sobriquet given to him when he first appeared in public life on account of his unusual appearance.

This man, 31, Smith, whose serious illness was also mentioned, died last night at 10 o'clock, and his widow, Mrs. Mary Miller, a widow, died yesterday at her home, near Fish Dam, in this county.

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Two Citizens of Durham.

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Seminal Dividend.

GREENSBORO, N. C., February 7.—United-States Marshal Allison went to Swan county to-day, armed with a writ empowering him to deliver to the council of the eastern band of Cherokee Indians all the land entered in the Qualla boundary tract, comprising several thousand acres.

The case has been in litigation several years, and Congress recently passed an appropriation to remove all squatters.

DID PULLMAN EVADE SUBPOENA?

Proceedings in the Debs Case—He Was Cross-Examined.

CHICAGO, February 7.—The Debs case was preceded this morning by the examination of William R. Johnson, a colored porter in George M. Pullman's office.

Judge Grosscup conducted the examination, which was instituted with the view of finding out whether Mr. Pullman had evaded service of a subpoena issued to him in connection with the trial of General Grant.

John was asked if he had met Mr. Grant.

"Yes, I met him at the Fifth Avenue Hotel."

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